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Subject: Re: Final Response Statement to Cabot

Thank you.

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Not much to report, but can send a 1-pager or brief you if you would like. Let me know.

Thanks for your help with the other thing this week. Once again I find myself thanking my Irish luck that you are up there and willing/able to help. You make a big difference. Thanks for that.

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FYI so you have.

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All,
Here's a final statement. Mick, pls distribute widely to anyone who has asked us to respond. Thank you!

EPA is in this community sampling and providing water as a direct result of requests from Dimock residents. Our priority is the health of the people there, and our actions are guided entirely by science and the law. We are providing water to a handful of households because data developed by Cabot itself provides evidence that they are being exposed to hazardous substances at levels of health concern. We are conducting monitoring as a prudent step to investigate these concerns and develop a sound scientific basis for assessing the need for further action. This is consistent with steps we would take in any situation where we are presented with potential health risks to citizens under the federal laws we are charged to carry out.

In his State of the Union address, President Obama made clear that he is committed to tapping America's natural gas as part of a new era in American energy. He also affirmed our commitment to "developing this resource without putting the health and safety of our citizens at risk."

We have been clear that if we see an immediate threat to public health, we will not hesitate to take steps under the law to protect Americans whose health may be at risk. The Agency also welcomes PADEP and Cabot's participation in the sampling. Without a doubt, EPA's samples will be collected and reviewed using the highest scientific standards and we will take into account all other relevant and reliable data developed by PADEP and Cabot. The residents in Dimock

deserve answers based on the facts, and we look forward to working together to meet our responsibility to this community.